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THAILAND/BURMA

VISIT OF PM KRIANGSAK TO BURMA (CONFIDENTIAL)

PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK, ACCOMPANIED BY A 23-MEMBER DELEGATION, VISITED RANGOON MAY 10-12. ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDED NARCOTICS, BURMESE INSURGENT GROUPS, TRADE, AND FISHING. APPARENTLY THE ONLY AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WAS TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. KRIANGSAK ANNOUNCED UPON HIS RETURN TO BANGKOK THE REVITALIZATION OF THE JOINT BORDER COMMISSION, PRESUMABLY THE MECHANISM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

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THE THAI APPEAR TO HAVE GONE TO RANGOON WITH VERY MODEST GOALS. ACCORDING TO ONE THAI THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO DEVELOP BURMESE TRUST IN THE KRIANGSAK GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH SOME SORT OF PERSONAL RAPPORT BETWEEN KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES PROGRESS IN IMPROVING THAI-BURMESE RELATIONS.

REPORTS OF THE BURMESE REACTION TO THE VISIT ARE CONFLICTING AND RANGE FROM INDICATIONS THAT NE WIN WAS IRKED BY THE TONE OF SOME THAI REMARKS TO REPORTS THAT NE WIN HAS EXPRESSED TRUST IN KRIANGSAK. LOGIC FAVORS CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE LEGACY OF ILL-WILL, THE MOST THAT COULD BE HOPED FOR FROM THE VISIT IS THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE THAT CAN LEAD TOWARDS MEANINGFUL COOPERATION AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE.

THAILAND

THAI UNINTERESTED IN A-10 (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

FAIRCHILD INDUSTRIES REP HAS INFORMED US OF DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE POOR RECEPTION THE THAI GAVE HIM IN BANGKOK. HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO SEE ONE THAI OFFICIAL - THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE. THE REP SAID HE HEARD THAT THE FAILURE OF THE U.S. TO RELEASE P AND B ON THE A-10 WOULD RESULT IN THE THAI AIR FORCE TURNING TO EUROPE FOR ITS AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE MALAYSIAN AIR FORCE HAD EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN THE A-10 AS A COUNTERINSURGENCY AIRCRAFT.

COMMENT: PM HAS STILL NOT MADE ITS DECISION ON RELEASE OF THE P AND B FOR THAILAND (AND MOROCCO) FOR THE A-10. WE
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DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE THAI ARE INTERESTED IN THE A-10 BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH PRICE. THEIR COOL REACTION TO CHIPMAN IS ANOTHER SIGN OF THAI DISINTEREST. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONTINUING TO URGE PM TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE A-10 SO THAT WE CAN REPLY TO THE FORMAL THAI REQUEST FOR P AND B.

THAI CHARGE IN WASHINGTON NOMINATED AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

SUKHO SUWANSIRI, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I., OF THE THAI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, PRIVATELY CONFIRMED REPORTS IN THE BANGKOK PRESS THAT HE HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THAILAND'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. SUKHO COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY STAY IN WASHINGTON THROUGH MID OR LATE AUGUST TO HELP THE NEWLY NOMINATED THAI AMBASSADOR KLOT WISETSURAKAN SETTLE IN AND TO ASSIST WITH THE AUGUST 3-4 ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING.
KRIANGSAK INVITES FORMER AMBASSADOR KINTNER TO VISIT THAILAND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

A THAI EMBASSY OFFICER HAS INFORMED US THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND WILLIAM KINTNER HAS ACCEPTED AN

INVITATION FROM PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK TO PAY A PRIVATE

VISIT TO THAILAND. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET YET, BUT THE THAI EMBASSY EXPECTS IT TO BE IN THE "NEAR FUTURE".

COMMENT: KRIANGSAK HAS ISSUED A NUMBER OF SUCH INVITATIONS FOR PRIVATE VISITS TO HIS OLD AMERICAN FRIENDS WHO HE BELIEVES ARE STILL IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THAILAND.

MALAYSIA

VISIT OF IBRD PRESIDENT TO MALAYSIA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA HAS CONFIRMED HIS INTENTION TO VISIT MALAYSIA FROM JUNE 9-12 TO ACCEPT A TUN RAZAK FOUNDATION AWARD.

INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: THE GROWING PROBLEM IN MALAYSIA (CONFIDENTIAL)

AMBASSADOR MILLER REPORTED HIS GROWING CONCERN AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A HARDENING OF GOM PRACTICE IN GRANTING REFUGEES FIRST ASYLUM. HE SUGGESTED WE TAKE STEPS TO STREAMLINE OUR PROCEDURES AND REQUESTED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER TO ASSIST IN HANDLING THE INCREASING REFUGEE LOAD. HA IS WORKING TO MEET THESE REQUESTS. DURING A COURTESY CALL BY MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR ZAIN ON MAY 16, UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM NOTED THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DEEP CONCERN REGARDING THE REFUGEE SITUATION, EXPRESSED US APPRECIATION FOR MALAYSIA'S EFFORTS, AND THAT WE HOPE TO SEE IMPLEMENTED SOON THE PAROLE OF SOME 25,000 REFUGEES INTO THE US DURING THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

UMNO WINS ELECTION FOR HARUN SEAT (CONFIDENTIAL)

AN UMNO CANDIDATE WON A BY-ELECTION MAY 6 TO FILL THE SELANGOR STATE ASSEMBLY SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY FORMER CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARUN IDRIS WHO WAS JAILED IN MARCH FOR CORRUPTION. WHILE THE NATIONAL FRONT (OF WHICH UMNO IS THE MAJOR PARTNER) WON, THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT THE VICTORY DOES NOT PROVIDE A CLEAR READING OF NATIONAL FRONT ELECTION PROSPECTS FOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS ANTICIPATED DURING THE SUMMER.

UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (CONFIDENTIAL)
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EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR REPORTS THAT A MALAYSIA FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE HAS STATED THAT THE PRINCIPAL MALAYSIAN OBJECTIVE AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMA-

MENT WILL BE TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR "PEACE ZONES" INCLUDING MALAYSIA'S PET "ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY" FOR SOUTHEAST.

SINGAPORE

PM LEE TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PM LEE PLANS TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN JUNE TO DISCUSS BILATERAL TRADE AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH TITO ON THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER. VANCE

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